

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method for using a printer to interpreting time stamp information from a digital camera, the method comprising:

receiving image information from a digital camera in a first format with corresponding time stamp information at a printer interface;

converting the image information and time stamp information to bitmap information;

at a printer front panel, displaying the images with corresponding time stamps for editing;

in response to the editing, embedding time stamp bitmap information in the image bitmap information; and,

supplying the edited images with corresponding time stamps to a print engine for printing.

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3. (currently amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1 further comprising:

opening a first format interpreter;

wherein receiving image information from a digital camera in a first format includes using the first format interpreter to accept the image information and corresponding time stamp; and,

wherein converting the image information and time stamp to bitmap information includes using the first format interpreter to convert

the image information and corresponding time stamp into bitmap information.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3 further comprising:

using the printer front panel to selecting the "print time stamp" option; and,

wherein converting the image information and time stamp to bitmap information includes converting the time stamp into bitmap information in response to selecting the "print time stamp" option.

5. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein receiving image information from a digital camera in a first format includes receiving information in a first format selected from the group including joint photographic experts group (JPEG) and tagged image file format (TIFF) formats.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 further comprising:

using the printer front panel to selecting a time stamp layout for a corresponding image; and,

wherein supplying the images with corresponding time stamps for printing including supplying the image with the selected time stamp layout.

7. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein selecting the time stamp layout for the corresponding image includes selecting from

the group including the location of the time stamp on the image, the time stamp font style, the time stamp font size, and the time format.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 further comprising:

using the printer front panel to selecting miscellaneous superposition overlays for corresponding images; and,

wherein supplying the images with corresponding time stamps for printing including supplying images with the selected superposition overlays.

9. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein selecting miscellaneous superposition overlays for corresponding images includes selecting superposition overlays from the group including text messages, backgrounds, clipart, and image borders.

10. (currently amended) A method for a printer to interpreting time stamp information from a digital camera, the method comprising:

~~opening a first format interpreter;~~

receiving image information at a printer interface from a digital camera in a first format selected from the group including joint photographic experts group (JPEG) and tagged image file format (TIFF) formats, with a corresponding time stamp information;

at a printer front panel, displaying the images with corresponding time stamps for editing;

using the printer front panel to selecting the "print time stamp" option;

using the printer front panel to selecting a time stamp layout for a corresponding image;

converting the image information and time stamp information to bitmap information;

in response to the selected time stamp layout option, embedding time stamp bitmap information in the image bitmap information; and,

supplying the edited images with corresponding time stamps to a print engine for printing.

11. (currently amended) A system for printer having a capacity for manipulating interpreting time stamp information from a digital camera, the printer system comprising:

a controller having a port to receive image information from a digital camera in a first format with a corresponding time stamp and a port to supply images with corresponding time stamps, converted into bitmap information;

a user interface front panel having a port connected for communication with the controller, the user interface front panel accepting time stamp print user prompts and supplying instructions to the controller for printing a time stamp;

wherein the controller supplies time stamp bitmap information embedded in the corresponding image bitmap information, in response to the time stamp print commands from the user interface front panel; and,

a printer engine having a port connected to the controller for accepting the images with corresponding time stamps for printing.

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13. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~[[12]]~~ 11 wherein the user interface front panel receives images for display, receives image modification user prompts, and supplies commands to the controller for modifying the images with corresponding time stamps; and, wherein the controller modifies the bitmap image data in response to commands from the user interface front panel.

14. (original) The system of claim 13 wherein the controller receives image information from the digital camera in a first format selected from the group including joint photographic experts group (JPEG) and tagged image file format (TIFF) formats.

15. (currently amended) The system of claim 13 wherein the user interface front panel accepts user prompts for selecting a time stamp layout on a corresponding image, and supplies the time stamp layout commands to the controller; and, wherein the controller accepts the time stamp layout information and provides images with corresponding time stamp layouts for printing in response to the time stamp layout commands.

16. (currently amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the user interface front panel accepts prompts for selecting the

time stamp layouts selected from the group including the location of the time stamp on the image, the time stamp font style, the time stamp font size, and the time format.

17. (currently amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the user interface front panel accepts prompts for selecting miscellaneous superposition overlays for corresponding images; and, wherein the controller supplies images for printing with the corresponding superposition overlays in response to the miscellaneous superposition overlay prompts.

18. (currently amended) The system of claim 17 wherein the user interface front panel accepts prompts for miscellaneous superposition overlays selected from the group including text messages, backgrounds, clipart, and image borders.